

HAROLD DOYLE WINS TROPHY, DEFEATING SPENCER GORDON

Tennis Battle Regarded as a Splendid Exhibition—Is Bitterly Contested From the Start to Finish. Program for Today.

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After struggling for two hours and forty-five minutes, actual time, Harold Doyle defeated Spencer Gordon in the final of the men's singles of the middle Atlantic tennis tournament, at the Columbia Country Club, yesterday afternoon, by the score of 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 and 6-1. The contest belongs in the "battles royal" class, as every set was hotly fought, and at the finish each player had about reached the limit of his strength. Nearly three hours of tennis tests the endurance of the best athletes. The contestants were lucky in striking a day that could not have been better in the way of temperature. When play started the warm sun was tempered with a mild breeze from the northwest, and when the final set was played quite a wind was blowing, and the spectators were anything but warm.

With the expectation of seeing tennis of a high class and a close contest the gallery collected early, and in size was the largest of the tournament. Many women were among the spectators, and the bright colors of their handsome tennis costumes, in small way toward making up a picture most pleasing to the eye.

Feature of the Match.

The second set was the feature battle of the match, Doyle finally winning by the score of 7-5. Doyle's start and finish was somewhat spectacular, as he captured the first three games and after all were even at the conclusion of the tenth game he shot to the front and won out cleverly by taking the last two games. Of the twelve games played in this set ten of them went to Doyle. Referee Hills appeared to be announcing this fact continuously. The play of the veteran was of that cool, calculating variety that is bound to win three times out of four, while Gordon was playing almost startlingly to offset the cleverness of his opponent. Time after time Gordon saved himself by wonderful back and strokes, and he appeared in his best light at this kind of playing. Temperament had a great deal to do with the loss of the set, as Gordon's figures denote a somewhat one-sided affair each game was hard fought, and frequently went to deuces.

Gordon finally found himself in the third set, although the "sharks" at the game declared Doyle was capturing his strength for the final dash—and went through to victory by the score of 6-3. For the first time over his shoulders he got away in the lead, capturing the initial game, and this fact doubtless inspired him to the greatest effort of his career. At this point a short rest of ten minutes was taken, and the players and Referee Hills turned over the blanketed job to Herbert Shannon, who worked in the final set, both men officiating faultlessly.

Comes Back Strong.

In the fourth, and what proved to be the final set, Doyle was up to old tricks, getting away splendidly by winning the first two games, but it was only a flash, as Gordon then reeled in the third game and went into the lead. This spirit woke up Doyle, and he electrified the gallery with the most cleverest lobbing and place-smashing that has been seen in this locality only when stars are handling the racquets. As a result he went victoriously through three games, which placed him two to the good. Gordon then came back with a win, but the tenth game was won by Doyle, and with it went the match and the beautiful silver cup on which he had already won two less.

Friends of both players rushed up, and the defeated man was congratulated almost as much as the victor for the game battle put up.

There is only one criticism to offer, and it is directed at the management, who should have had more line men on hand for an important match like this. It frequently happened that the players had to ask whether the ball was in or out, and this fact appeared to irritate both men. When a player pulls off a shot close to the line, it frequently appears inside to him, and a quick call will satisfy him one way or the other. Both players are too good sportsmen to complain, but there is no doubt that the deficiency affected the play of one of the contestants. The idiosyncrasies of an athlete should always be respected as long as he does not direct them at an opponent, and when the deficiency noted was seen to affect both players it should have been remedied. Referee Shannon was quick to see the handicap when he assumed charge, and, as he is a member of the tennis committee, he lost little time placing four men at each end of the court instead of two.

Scores in Detail.

Following are the detailed scores of each set:

FIRST SET.	
Gordon	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0
Doyle	1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
SECOND SET.	
Gordon	0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0
Doyle	1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1
THIRD SET.	
Gordon	1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 0
Doyle	0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0
FOURTH SET.	
Gordon	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Doyle	1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1

Miss Baker Reaches Semi-Finals.

In the women's singles good progress was made, Miss Baker, by the most por-

tent and strenuous work, finally securing a position in the semi-finals. Her first match was easy, as Mrs. Pyle defaulted to her. In the second set Miss Baker defeated Miss Sewell quite handsomely, 6-3 and 6-4, but was confronted with quite a battle when she reached the third round and confronted Miss Holden. The score was 6-3, but the second set went to Miss Holden after a warm contest by the score of 6-8. Deuces were frequent and the long struggle probably told on the latter, as Miss Baker won out in the third set, 6-2. The ex-title holder has a habit of going after everything, the more difficult the harder it is tried for, and the result follows in points scored in unexpected places.

The victory of Miss Baker places her in the semi-finals, where she will meet either Miss Doyle or Miss Wimer. Either one of these ladies is likely to furnish a good contest and the match for the honor of meeting Miss Bryan for the championship will be well worth seeing.

Miss Bryan was on the court for over an hour yesterday afternoon, keeping herself in condition to defend the title, and the speed with which she carried along her opponent showed conclusively that the championship match will be one of the big attractions of the tournament.

Good progress was made in the men's doubles, the women's singles and the consolation. Chairman Leach is arranging a mixed doubles, but up to last night only six couples had handed in entries. Unless more come in the event may be called off. There are so many players out of the city, it is said, that it is difficult to arrange an event of this kind.

Summaries.

Following are the summaries of yesterday's play:

Men's Singles.

Doyle defeated Gordon, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 and 6-4.

First round—J. E. Kratz defeated R. W. Patterson, by default; R. E. Bingham defeated Charles S. Smith, 6-3 and 6-4; M. Chesley defeated Abner Ferguson, 7-5 and 7-3; C. A. Slater defeated H. Stidham, 6-2 and 7-5; J. F. Karrik defeated P. Taylor, 6-3 and 6-2; H. T. Shannon defeated H. McKenzie, 6-4 and 6-4; James Baird defeated W. Kinney, by default.

Second round—L. A. Plomer defeated J. F. Kratz, 7-5 and 6-4; A. M. Chesley defeated R. E. Bingham, 6-2 and 6-0; H. T. Shannon defeated J. F. Karrik, 6-3 and 6-4; H. T. Shannon defeated H. McKenzie, 6-3 and 6-4; J. F. Karrik defeated P. Taylor, 6-3 and 6-4; J. F. Karrik defeated P. Taylor, 6-3 and 6-4.

Women's Singles.

First round—Miss Baker defeated Miss Sewell, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Holden defeated Miss Pyle, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Wimer defeated Miss Leach, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4.

Second round—Miss Baker defeated Miss Sewell, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Holden defeated Miss Pyle, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Wimer defeated Miss Leach, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4.

Men's Doubles.

First round—Helen and Chapman defeated H. C. Sheridan and A. Y. Leach, Jr., 6-3 and 7-5; Slater and McKee defeated Patterson and Trumbull, by default.

Second round—Doyle and Barber defeated McLean and Hilkey, 6-4 and 6-3.

Women's Doubles.

First round—Miss Baker defeated Mrs. Pyle, by default; Miss Pyle defeated Mrs. Winter, 7-5 and 7-3.

Second round—Miss Baker defeated Miss Sewell, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Holden defeated Miss Pyle, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Wimer defeated Miss Leach, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4; Miss Doyle defeated Miss Kratz, 6-3 and 6-4.

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